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FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2587

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

RUESKWOKAMEMBASSY KUWAIT 250

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DEPT PASS SECDEF FOR ISA AND USCINCEUR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, YE, UAE

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ARMS FOR YAR

REF: STATE 159482; SANAA 1514

1. AFTER INFORMING ACTING FONMIN ASNAG ABOUT RECEIPT PRICE LIST (DEPTTEL) AUGUST 12, I GAVE HIM WRITTEN LIST AUGUST 18 STRESSING THAT I STILL AWAITING CLARIFICATION ON TOTAL COST. ALSO UNDERLINED THAT FIGURES WERE ESTIMATES, NOT COMMITMENTS. FURTHER NOTED THAT RECOILLESS RIFLES APPEARED TO BE HALF OF TOTAL COST AND THAT YARG MIGHT WISH REVIEW NEED IN RELATIONHO FIPGPFIAL U PECT. (AS EMBASSY JIDDA HAS NOTED WEAPONS FILL IMPORTANT NEED. FURTHERMORE THEY FORMERLY IDENTIFIED BY YARG AS HIGH-PRIORITY ITEM. DO NOT BELIEVE, THEREFORE, YARG WILL WISH TO DROP DESPITE COST). ASNAG PROMISED TO PASS LIST IMMEDIATELY TO MILITARY COMMANDERS AND REPORT VIEWS.

2. POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY ABU DHABI REPRESENTATIVE, WHICH WE
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CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IMPORTANT, SEEMS TO BE DIMINISHING. YARG

UNDERSTANDS MINYDEF UNDERSECY SHAIKH FAISAL WAS IN AMMAN
WEEK AGO, BUT HAS NO INDICATION THAT HE OR ANY OTHER REP.
DUE HERE (YARG DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICA-
TION THROUGH LOCAL UAE AMBASSADOR SUWAIDI). CONSEQUENTLY,
WE APPEAR TO BE LOSING MOMENTUM. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION
FROM ABU DHABI ON STATUS ADG'S OFFER TO FINANCE AND POSSIBILITY
OF VISIT.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECDEF, USCINCEUR

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